

Kane County Financial Literacy



“Too many people spend money they haven’t earned, to buy things they don’t want, to impress people they don’t like.”

~ Will Smith

“Money isn’t the most important thing in life, but it’s reasonably close to oxygen on the ‘gotta have it’ scale.”

~ Zig Ziglar

“If you ever think that nobody cares that you’re alive – try missing a couple of car payments.”

~ Earl Wilson

My dad used to enjoy telling us the story of his youth, that there were times that his pants were so thin, he could sit on a dime and tell if it was heads or tails. It took me until I was 10 years old to understand what he meant.

During my eight years as Kane County’s elected board chairman and chief administrator, our goal was to increase the **health**, **wealth**, and **productivity** of our residents. County government’s job ought to be to increase property **values** , not property **taxes**. As Treasurer, my focus will be on the “wealth” component of those priorities.

Financial literacy is the most effective means to that end.

Let’s pool our resources of experience, skill, knowledge, and initiative to share with each other the gift of financial peace of mind. Experts like Robert Kiyosaki (Rich Dad, Poor Dad), David Ramsey (“Building Wealth in 2022”), Professor Laurence Kotlikoff (21 Money Rules), and many others have created an entire industry to address the dire need of families to meet their money obligations. Here are some of the topics that we can organize workshops around:

- Understanding Your Property Tax Bill
- How Inflation Destroys Spending Power/Wealth
- Manage Debt Properly
- Paying for College
- Phenomenon of Compound Interest
- Importance of Family Budgets
- Cash Flow vs. Capital Gains

Remember, it’s **easy** to meet expenses – everywhere we go, there they are!